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**Denise Juneau**  
Superintendent

Date: July 15, 2009

To: School Nutrition Programs  
Supervisor/Director

From: Judy Wilson  
Food Distribution Coordinator

Re: Planned Assistance Level Calculations SY2010

The Planned Assistance Level (PAL) represents the dollar value of USDA foods your school is eligible to receive during the school year.

PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2009 School Year times the per-meal value of USDA food assistance for the NSLP (National School Lunch Program). The per-meal value is published each year by the USDA and for the 2010 School Year will be .1950 per meal.

If you have questions please contact me by phone at (406) 444-4415 or by email at [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov).